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SUBJ: BREZHNEV-HONECKER MEETING

1. ALL LOCAL PAPERS CARRY EAST GERMAN NEWS SERVICE
STORY FROM CRIMEA ON JULY 19 MEETING BETWEEN BREZHNEV AND
HONECKER. PRESS REPORT IS IN EFFECT COMMUNIQUE.
ACCORDING TO COMMUNIQUE BREZHNEV AND HONECKER EXPRESSED
SATISFACTION WITH THE COMPREHENSIVE COOPERATION BETWEEN
THE USSR AND THE GDR, THE STRENGTHENING OF RELATIONS
BETWEEN THE CPSU AND THE SED AND THE FRIENDSHIP OF THE
PEOPLES OF BOTH COUNTRIES. THE DISCUSSIONS TOUCHED ON
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ECONOMIC AND SCIENTIFIC-TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION AND
AN AGREEMENT WAS REACHED ON THE WORKING OUT OF A
PROGRAM OF SPECIALIZATION AND COOPERATION BETWEEN THE
USSR AND THE GDR FOR THE PERIOD 1980 TO 1990 IN THE
CONTEXT OF OVERALL CEMA ARRANGEMENTS.

2. BREZHNEV AND HONECKER REPORTEDLY AGREED ON "UNDI-

MINISHED SUPPORT" FOR STRENGTHENING DETENTE, CHECKING THE ARMS RACE, FOR DISARMAMENT AND THE ELIMINATION OF THE DANGERS OF WAR IN VARIOUS PARTS OF THE WORLD. EMPHASIS WAS GIVEN TO THE NEED FOR ENERGETIC EFFORTS TO IMPROVE THE POLITICAL CLIMATE IN EUROPE, PARTICULARLY THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PRINCIPLES AND AGREEMENTS OF THE HELSINKI FINAL ACT AND THE STRICT OBSERVANCE OF AGREEMENTS REACHED IN RECENT YEARS, RESPECT FOR THE SOVEREIGNTY OF NATIONS AND NONINTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF OTHER NATIONS AND THE PROMOTION OF MUTUAL TRUST.

3. COMMENT: BREZHNEV AND HONECKER CRIMEA MEETING IS ANNUAL AFFAIR. APART FROM CONTINUED GDR-SOVIET ECONOMIC COOPERATION REFLECTED IN THE NEW SPECIALIZATION PROGRAM FOR 1980-90, WE SEE NO SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENT IN BILATERAL POLICIES REFLECTED IN THE PUBLIC REPORT ON THIS MEETING. REPORT IS UNINFORMATIVE ON INTERNATIONAL ISSUES, AND WE NOTE THERE IS NO MENTION OF POSSIBLE DISCUSSION OF PROBLEMS IN INTERNATIONAL COMMUNIST MOVEMENT. POLANSKY

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